


# B OOTHVILLE E MMANUEL & R ECTORY FARM T IM

## Let's celebrate something today!

by Yvonne Desroches

I am sure that many of you have been involved in creative celebrations across the county and further afield, as the Coronation Ceremony marked the official crowning of the new monarch, King Charles III, signifying his ascension to the throne and the start of his reign. 



Elaborate ceremonies, parades, street parties, and events, such as the big lunch, alongside the many other numerous things that provided an opportunity to come together as community, bringing a sense of unity.

As we go through life, we experience many moments that call for celebrations. You may be celebrating the birth of a baby, a wedding, new job, home and many more things. Celebrations often involve new beginnings, new life, and new seasons of life. It was during the weekend of the Coronation that we were encouraged to celebrate and recognise the crucial role that volunteers play in our communities. Volunteers dedicate their time, energy and skills inspiring others, whilst making a difference in the lives of many without expecting anything in return.



As Christians, celebration is an important part of our Faith, it reminds us of the goodness of God and his faithfulness to us. It also allows us to share our joy, hope and love, with others.

We have many reasons to celebrate, we remind ourselves whilst Jesus was a King, The King of Kings, he was a very different kind of King.



A King who came to serve, inspire, love, encourage and transform, without expecting anything in return.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of the World, whose Kingdom values will never end. The Kingdom of God is not just a future hope,

but a present reality, it is a place where love reigns, where justice is done, and where peace is found. It is a place where we can find hope and meaning in life.

**Luke 17:20-21** (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

### ***The Coming of the Kingdom***

***20 Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."***

As Christians we are called to be citizens of God's Kingdom, with an opportunity for 'Kingdom Work'.

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Let us celebrate our faith together, embracing all that we share.  
Creating an environment for human flourishing in the spaces where God has placed us: Therefore, let us strive to live as citizens of God's Kingdom, embracing its values. May we be instruments of his Peace, Love, Hope, Joy and Justice as the Love of God guides us as we work towards the 'Common Good' for all people in the community, the country and the world.

What are you going to celebrate today?

I invite you to take a moment to thank God; to celebrate his power and sovereignty, and to make today amazing.

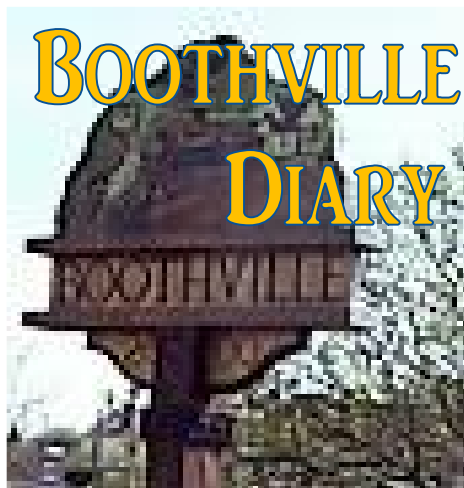


Make  
Today  
Amazing

Emmanuel.....God with us,  
Every Blessing sent with love,

***Yvonne Desroches***





**On the Sunday before Easter,** the Boothville Community Choir held another concert for charity.

This time it was in support of Dogs for Good. This is a small charity involved with training dogs for the disabled.



Over £660 was raised.  
What a result!



**At the time of writing we are into Christian Aid week.**

Boothville has supported Christian Aid for decades. We can no longer do the door to door collections as we used to but we do have envelopes in the church for those who wish to contribute.

There are many other ways you can donate to Christian Aid, and every penny you give will help to end poverty.

To find out more:  
email [ipunit@christian-aid.org](mailto:ipunit@christian-aid.org)  
call [020 7523 2269](tel:02075232269)

Or just 'google' Christian Aid

We pray that our donations are used in the best way to benefit those in need.

**For many years Boothville has had a breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. This year was no exception. The breakfast was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.**

Cereal, boiled eggs, toast and marmalade were the order of the day.

Toasters were brought from home and everyone remembered to bring their egg cup!

Thanks go to Roy and Trisha Harland who are on egg duty every year and have developed a good system of working in the kitchen.



**This Easter Sunday was a double celebration as Debby Isherwood was baptised by Chris Pearson.**

Debby has been a member of Boothville church for several years. Hers was a conditional baptism as Debby was not sure and could not find out if she had been baptised as a child.



Debby's sponsors were Jenny Cole, Kathy Norris and Simon Burgess

We pray for Debby as she continues her journey with the Lord.



**One of the important symbols of baptism representing the light of Christ, is the baptismal candle; lit from the Easter candle.**

Precious presented Debby with her Baptism Candle saying "Receive the light of Christ." The candle is a symbol of the light of Christ. Jesus is the light. His light is for everyone. Congratulations to Debby who is marrying Tony at Emmanuel on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

# Councillor Keith

Two years have passed since I was elected to West Northamptonshire Council and Northampton Town Council. I've learnt a lot and am still learning loads. More and more I recognise that I am in the right place for such a time as this. I am very grateful to all those who regularly pray for me.

It's also been a year since the visit of the Knife Angel to Northampton. My thanks to Stu Photography who captured this moment at the vigil last year.

Please pray for our young people. Its heart breaking that we've lost two young lives on the streets of our town over the last couple of months. We recently held another vigil to remember the visit of the Knife Angel and the lives lost since then.



## NORTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS HAVE 2 JOB VACANCIES

**Street Pastors is an inspirational charity** and part of the work of Ascension Trust. Here in Northampton we have a team of trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community. They patrol the town centre in teams of men and women, currently from 10 pm until approximately 2 am on a Saturday night. They do this to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.

### What are the Job Vacancies?

#### Co-ordinator

We need someone to work part-time flexible hours to help recruit, train and encourage volunteers, also to report to the Management Committee and to build relationships with our various partners in the town.

#### Administrator

We also need someone to do part time admin and record keeping, keep in communication with Street Pastors, Management team, Co-ordinator and Ascension Trust plus local churches and partners. A proven ability to take on the role of Treasurer would be useful.

### For more details of these job descriptions please email:

[northampton.admin@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:northampton.admin@streetpastors.org.uk)

The rate of pay is £11 per hour for 25 hours per month for the Co-ordinator and 20 hours per month for the Administrator.

Our website is here: <https://streetpastors.org/locations/northampton/>

and YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBQ9WwK88ah82HHPr3mYHtQ>

**Applications must be received by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

## PENTECOST IN ABINGTON PARK

**28th MAY 2pm-5pm**

Come and celebrate Pentecost at the Bandstand  
Bring a picnic, your chairs, friends and family.

There will be a formal service from 2pm  
led by Rev Oliver Coss and Rev Paul Lavender.

**At 3pm a call to unite with 1,000's of others around the UK** in song and prayer as part of NDOPW (National Day of Prayer and Worship) with a heart and focus on revival and 'thy Kingdom come' led by Rev Colette Barron.

**At 3.30-5pm there will be a lively time of worship** with our brothers and sisters from around the globe.

**Come and meet with new and old Christian friends,**

**There will be interactive prayer for children,** children's crafts, a healing tent, Christian resources such as Hope UK Every Nation Bible School. The Evangelist Round table and NAYC (Northampton Assoc. of Youth Clubs) and many more.

**Come and join in and be part of the new thing God is doing  
'Uniting Us' in Christ**





**The Baptist Assembly returns to the Telford International Centre in 2023. Held at the same venue in 2019, this year's event takes place from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 June**

The theme this year is "Mission is..." and is a response to what was heard at the 2022 Baptist Assembly in Bournemouth. .

Friday evening has become an integral part of our time together at Baptist Assembly and in the evening of 16 June we are expanding our offering of events. We expect many people to be arriving in Telford ready to meet with old friends and new, and we are encouraging delegates to join us and pray as we commit the weekend to God. There will be an onsite prayer gathering, and a dedicated online prayer broadcast, streamed live from Telford.

The commissioning of our Newly Accredited Ministers, lay preachers and Mission Personnel – always an Assembly highlight – takes place in the Saturday evening session. Our guest preacher is **Bishop Mike Royal**, General Secretary of Churches Together in England.

**A Sunday morning service takes place on 18 June** and will include communion and a final address from Bishop Mike.

**There is a full programme for children and young people up to Year 13.**



Bishop Mike Royal

**On Saturday 17 June the morning programme includes a Bible study, where contextual mission is the focus and different voices will be heard. There will be opportunities to interact with fellow delegates and discuss and discern together.**

Two seminar streams follow, one immediately before and one immediately after lunch. Baptists from a range of contexts have been invited to lead interactive sessions to explore various aspects of mission.

**A presentation from Baptists Together includes the induction of**

**Tim Presswood as President 2023-24.**

Tim will begin to unpack his theme of ensuring that every-

one can share fully in Christ's Great Banquet, enabling us to reflect on what a bigger tabled church might look like.



Building a Bigger Table has been the theme of current President Hayley Young, who will be formally thanked and prayed for as her Presidential year ends.



As part of the event's **After Hours programme**, we will be joined by stand up comedian Paul Kerensa on Saturday night. Paul's one-man show has played to packed -out churches and other venues over the last few years, including festivals from Spring Harvest, Greenbelt and New Wine, to the Edinburgh Fringe and Montreal Comedy Festival.

**For all information, visit the Baptist Assembly:**  
**[baptistassembly.org.uk](http://baptistassembly.org.uk)**





## OPENING TIMES FOR FOOD PARCEL COLLECTIONS

**Wednesday**  
**10.00 -13.00pm**

**Friday**  
**10.00-13.00pm**

**Please take any donations  
of food to Tesco  
Weston Favell or  
Emmanuel Church Office**

**The church office is  
open**

**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Thursday**  
**Friday**  
**10.00 -14.00**

**If you take your food  
donation to Tesco they  
will add another**

**20%**

**On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 we held our  
Celebration of our wonderful volunteers  
& Foodbank Annual Review.**

May '22 – April '23 we provided food to 15,714 adults and children



### Past & Current Projects

**Foodbank move** from WFC

**New Premises**—Warehouse & packing at Goodwill Solutions at Moulton Park

**Distribution & wrap around services at Emmanuel Church**

**Purchase of our van** – Thanks to Simon Bond of O'Rioradan Bond Estate Agents, who sold us the van at a very reduced price. We couldn't manage without the van now that we work from split sites.

**Donations** (Supermarkets / Schools / Churches/

**Wrap Around Services Hub**

**Community Law Services (CLS) support**

**Agency Referrals**

### New Projects

**Ukrainian Hub**

**Arts and Crafts Well-Being sessions**

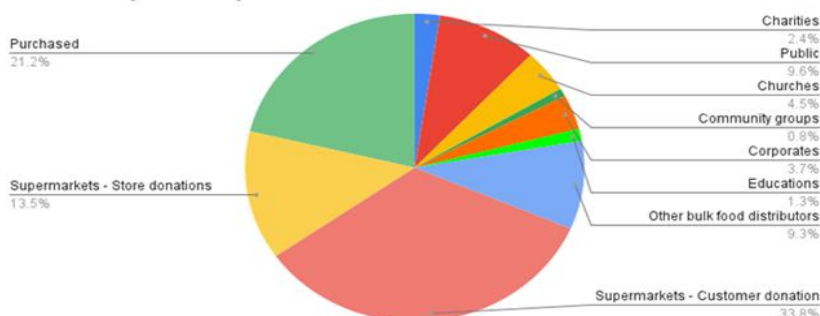
**Cultural Foods** to cater for our diverse community of guests

**The Warehouse** – Goodwill Solutions Moulton Park

### The Befriender Project:

- Listening to our guests
- Form filling support
- CVs and job applications

### Stock In (2022-23)



**If you have already donated food or given financially to foodbank, or volunteered to help, We thank you for your support**

If you have some time to spare could you offer a few hours to help at foodbank? We are looking for packers, runners, stockroom helpers and people with computer skills. Plus drivers to pick up donations from local supermarkets.

If you are able to offer us some time or would like to know more, pop in to foodbank, or email

**Info@westonfavellcentre.foodbank.org.uk**

**07467 074 496**

If you prefer to make a financial donation instead of food this can be done via bank transfer to:

**Emmanuel Group of Churches**

**Sort Code - 60-15-55**

**Bank Account Number - 73955787**

Or you can download a standing order mandate from the Emmanuel Church/foodbank website:

**[www.emmgroupp.org.uk](http://www.emmgroupp.org.uk)**

Or via the Weston Favell Centre foodbank page and follow the local giving link:

**<https://locagiving.org/charity/weston-favell-centrefoodbank>**



Tinned vegetables	Tinned beans/spaghetti
Tinned fruit	Biscuits
Pasta sauce	Tea/coffee
Curry sauce	Sugar
Tinned or packet soup	Custard and rice pudding
Tinned fish and meat	Toiletries mens and ladies

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Our Foodbank could not exist without our amazing, wonderful volunteers!**

**Unkrainian Hub** - Hannah Pecherska & Tania Osaulenko



**This is a very new project.**

**There are 15 - 20 people each week**

**Numbers are growing as the word gets around.**



**Partner services** - Services available on Foodbank days

Melanie Jones – Community Law Services

Anna Thorpe – Northampton Partnership Homes

Yvonne Desroches - Pioneer Curate

Stuart Carr – Ace Learning Services (National Careers Service)

**Foodbank Staff Team**

Food Bank Manager – Denise Kennedy

Food Bank Project Manager – Nish Sadikot

Volunteer Training & Development Manager – Sonya Naik

Fundraiser Manager – Julie Parsons

Warehouse Managers – Matthew Kinton & Selina Smith (Job share)

Administrator – Simon Burgess

Financial Support – Tor Brandrsiyr

Ukrainian Hub – Hanna Pecherska & Tania Osaulenko

Treasurer – Kevin Potter

Trustee Supervisor – Liz Bateman





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## 21st

## JULY

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## REGULAR GIVING

*If you give regularly to the work of The Emmanuel Group,  
please consider giving via the envelope scheme and,  
if you pay income tax... 'Gift-aid' it so that we can  
claim tax back, maximising your gift.*


*For further information, enquire at Emmanuel church office  
(next door to our coffee shop)  
or ask a steward at one of our services.*



**GROWING TOGETHER NORTHAMPTON**

# Coffee Morning

Every Thursday at Blackthorn (NN3 8QH)  
10am—12pm



No need to book, just turn up

Come for a free hot or cold drink, meet and chat to other people

For more information ring 01604 411166  
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Find us on Facebook at Growing Together Northampton

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"Baby—  
basics"  
Northampton

## NEW Donation Drop Off Point!



### Emmanuel Church Office Weston Favell Centre

Emmanuel Church has long supported us and we are pleased to have them officially re-open as a

### **Baby Basics Northampton** donation drop off point again

They can accept donations from 10am-1pm on Mondays and 10am-2pm Tuesday - Friday.

The church office is on the Upper Shopping Mall, under the library and through the automatic double doors



### This is Lena

Please contact her on

**07463 464943**

for a quotation

on any painting, decorating  
or  
plastering requirements.

Lena is from Ukraine  
and currently living with  
Chris and Jo Pearson  
who can vouch for her work

**Trust in the Lord with  
all your heart and lean  
not on your own un-  
derstanding; in all your  
ways acknowledge Him  
and He will make your  
paths straight.**

**Proverbs 3:5,6**



# ECO CHURCH

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## What is the Eco Church group?

The group is made up of people that care about the environment. We believe that part of our responsibilities as Christians is to look after all forms of God's Creation and to advocate for others to do the same.

## Top Ten Eco-Friendly Living

Whether you're going green to save money, improve your health, or help the environment, every step towards eco-friendly living is a step in the right direction. If you're new to the concept of eco-friendly living, then you might not know where to start. Don't be discouraged. Adopting an eco-friendly lifestyle is a journey that will take time to adjust to.

### Ditch Single-use Plastic

Single-use plastic is everywhere, especially in our kitchens, but reducing your dependence on single-use plastic is easier than you might think. Bringing a reusable cotton tote when you go shopping and purchasing loose fruits and veggies will significantly reduce the plastic in your home. You can also stop buying bottled water. Instead, [take a reusable water bottle everywhere](#) you go.

### Buy Eco-Friendly Products

If you want to adopt eco-friendly living principles, you'll need to start shopping more carefully. Try searching for environmentally conscious companies that sell eco-friendly living products, such as [reusable water bottles](#) and plastic-free cleaning products. Other eco-friendly products to look out for include natural toiletries and [alternatives to single-use plastics](#).

### Repair, Reuse, Recycle

You've probably heard of the Three R's before, but do you use them in your daily life? If something is broken, get it repaired instead of throwing it away. If something can't be fixed, can you upcycle it? find another use for it? Remember; recycling is an energy-intensive process. So, always repair and re-use before recycling.

### Drive Less

When possible, travel by public transport, car-share, cycle, run or walk, instead of driving. You can reduce your environmental impact by driving less. People who live on public transport routes or near a city centre may not need a car at all. Alternatively, choose a fuel-efficient or electric vehicle when you need to drive. Make sure you inflate the tyres properly and reduce your speed to the optimum level for your car.

### Reduce Food Waste

We waste millions of tonnes of food every year. Apart from wasting our money, throwing out tons of food leads to increased greenhouse gases released from landfill sites. Storing fresh produce correctly can help you reduce the amount of food you waste. So get a set of reusable food storage containers. Try putting your leftovers from dinner into a [reusable food pot](#) and eating them for lunch the next day.

### Eat Less Meat

You don't have to switch to a 100% plant-based diet to live an eco-friendlier lifestyle. But reducing the amount of meat on your plate, particularly red meats, is one of our eco-friendly living tips.

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

Volunteer to be on the Eco Church group

There will be simple Eco changes you can make at home in each edition of BERT

Be more aware of God's Creation and our impact on it and how we can improve it

If you have any ideas or suggestions please tell Rachel Tighe or Rachael Warnock

More information can be found at

[www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)

It's no secret that animal agriculture is highly unsustainable. and a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. What's more, regularly eating low-quality meats isn't great for your health. Taking meat off the menu a few days a week will help to keep the planet clean and your body healthy.

### Switch to Renewable Energy

Renewable energy is now widely available and highly affordable. Switching to a 100% renewable energy supplier may save you money and help you [live more sustainably](#). Plus, if you own your property, installing solar panels on your roof lets you benefit from free electricity!

### Shop Locally

Clothes, food, electronics, anything! The closer to home you buy your products, the fewer miles they will have to travel. Transporting food and other commercial products increases their carbon footprint. So, support your local economy and buy locally produced goods whenever you can.

Eliminate the single-use plastics that you use away from home. Saying no to disposable plastics can be challenging, but it's easy if you're organised.

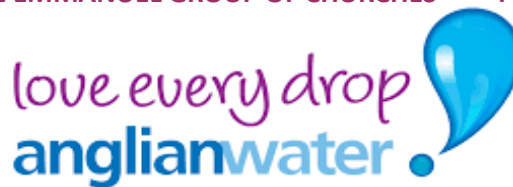
Say no to on-the-go plastics, travel with a refillable water bottle and take an insulated travel coffee mug whenever you want a takeaway coffee. Bring your own reusable bag, buy snacks in recyclable packaging, or sit to eat instead of getting a take-away.

### Grow Your Own

Growing fruits and vegetables at home is a rewarding way to reduce your carbon footprint and save money. If you have a back garden or an allotment, you're already set to grow!

Growing your own food isn't limited to homeowners though. Anyone living in an apartment or renting a flat short-term can try growing herbs, shallow-rooted veggies such as spring onions, lettuce, and leeks, or fast-growing fruits like strawberries and raspberries. All you need is some window boxes, hanging baskets or small pots.

## Water saving tips from:



Saving water doesn't mean we have to cut down on our cuppas or wear our socks two days on the trot, but there are lots of ways we could all use a little less water around the home and garden whilst also saving energy.

Did you know 46% of people think their household uses under 20 litres a day? In fact, the average person in our region uses 136 litres of water per day! Let's work together to save more water for our environment, wildlife and for future generations.

### In the Bathroom



More than 70% of our daily water use is in the bathroom and this doesn't include leaky taps or toilets!

- Take the shorter shower challenge and keep your showers to just 5 mins max - showering for just one minute less saves around 10 litres of water and £8 in energy costs per year. And if we all cut our showers to just 5 minutes, our region could save nearly 200million litres of water every single day - that's like leaving a tap running for 60 years.
- A typical household spends 12% of it's energy bill on heating water. So using less hot water will save water, energy and your carbon footprint.
- Turning the tap off when brushing your teeth and washing your face will save you more than 2 full buckets of water a

### In the Kitchen

There are many ways you can use less water in the kitchen and save carbon and money too. Some top tips include:



- Washing your clothes on a full load will save you 10 litres every time
- A running tap uses 15 litres every minute – so why not try washing your fruit and vegetables in a bowl of fresh water.
- Using every space in your dishwasher before putting it on each cycle can save 15 litres of water.

### In the garden

- You can reuse water from around the house such as water bottles and washing up bowls to water your garden  
Did you know that collecting rainwater in a water butt can fill up a watering can 27 times for free? Simply install water butts or leave out a few containers to collect rain to use in dry spells
- Adding mulch to new plants wood chip or bark lets the rain through and reduces soil evaporation. Keeping water in and weeds out.
- By using good quality peat free compost with a slow-release fertiliser, it will retain water for beds and borders and provide valuable ecosystems for plants and animals to thrive in your garden.
- Home composting is the most environmentally-friendly way of dealing with kitchen waste.



**Longer lawns mean deeper roots** making them more drought resilient, so try raising those mower blades to avoid brown patches. Your grass can also cope in those dryer spells but if you can't wait till the next spot of rain, water your lawn early morning or later at night to minimise water loss through evaporation. Changing your mowing routine and allowing plants to flower in the month of May can create enough nectar for ten times more bees and other pollinators. You're also more likely to spot a greater variety of flowers popping up in your garden.

**To create an earth-friendly garden, try choosing plants like Lavender, Allium or Agapanthus – they need less water and are great for wildlife, especially bees**

**Remove** any weeds you can, as they use water that your other plants can soak up.

**Put saucers under** plant pots so water doesn't run away  
**Did you know a garden hose uses 5 times more water** than a watering can? – that's around 150 litres of water! Try to use a watering can when possible, to save those extra drops.





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**Monday to Friday.**

**A warm welcome awaits you at Café Emm. We offer good quality, well cooked food, drinks and home-made cakes at very reasonable prices. Our Special hot dinner days are Tuesday and Thursday - £7 for two courses.**

**Do pop in for coffee or lunch.**

**We really would love to see you and your**

**friends and there is always room to welcome one more....**



## NEWS FROM THE CAFE

Our community café is a charity, doing discrete but important work in supporting people with learning difficulties, dementia, financial difficulties and loneliness.

We are very pleased to have recently received a grant, split over 3 years, from [The National Lottery Community Fund](#) which will help with salaries and utility costs to support this much needed community work at [The Emmanuel Group Of Churches, Northampton](#).

Café Emm is looking for volunteers to work in the café. We can offer a fun, rewarding environment. We have shifts available, 2 or 4 hours. Mon to Friday between 10 and 2.30pm. Please email your interest with contact phone number to [coffee.shop@emmanuelgroup.org.uk](mailto:coffee.shop@emmanuelgroup.org.uk)

Café Emm is not an ordinary café. It is a charity and most of our staff are volunteers. We need support so that we can continue with our work in the community and provide good food at reasonable prices.

We have created a new QR code to make it easy to donate. When you point your phone camera at the pink QR code, it will give you a link to open our Local giving page. Thank you for your support.

**SCAN ME**



If you haven't taken advantage of our Meal Deal on Tuesdays and Thursdays – 2 Course lunch for £7 per person. Do come and visit Café Emm and give it a try. Looking forward to seeing you.

The grant we have secured means that there are now funds to employ a new support worker for Café Emm. This will enable social activities in the café to resume. We will be advertising this post soon. Watch this space.

There are also funds for us to re-start some of the training of volunteers, Sunday Lunches and Afternoon teas. The trustees will be discussing the best way for this to happen at their next meeting.

### **Come and join us!**

Café Emm is a very busy place and we are grateful that we have some new volunteers. There is still room for some more though, to lighten the load.

We are also still looking for new Trustees and a new treasurer. If you know anyone who may be suitable please talk to one of the trustees.



**Bring your little ones  
- there's a play area too!**

**Café Emm is a charity in need of financial support. Any donations will be very welcome.**

If you want to donate by bank transfer the bank details for Café Emm are:

Emmanuel Coffee Shop Sort Code – 60-15-55

Account Number – 73106291

***Thank you!***

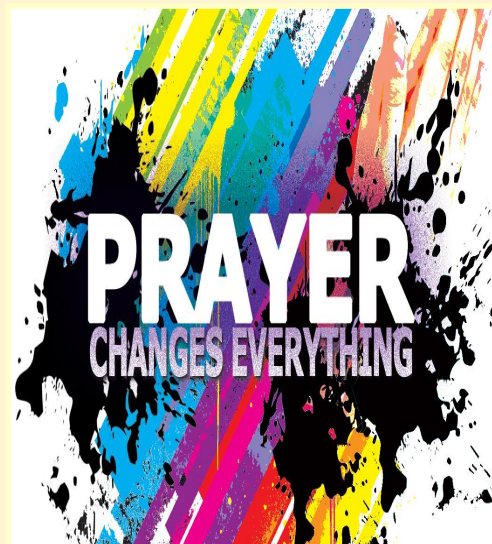
# Monday Night Prayer

Every Monday evening at 7.30pm  
via zoom, for an hour.

We pray mostly for our local communities and for our churches but also issues from all over the world. Anyone can pray as they feel led, or you can use the time to be quiet, listen and reflect. We find it very encouraging. It is wonderful how much we can feel the Holy Spirit's presence in a zoom meeting

Would you like to join us?

Contact Pip, she would love to send you the zoom link.



**Give thanks** for Northampton Street Pastors, who've been ministering for 15 years. Pray for the patrols out on Saturday nights on 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. Give thanks for the Prayer Pastors who support them so faithfully.

**Pray for refugees** in hotels around Northampton. They are to be moved elsewhere. Pray they will be given adequate information and support.

**Pray for more accessible homes** to be built in the public sector. Thousands of wheelchair users are on council waiting lists for the few hundred houses built in the UK each year.

**Wars and unrest worldwide:** Pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Gaza, and many other places no longer in the news. Pray for peace talks and that relief aid will get through to where it is needed.

## For the Environment and World Leaders

Father, we pray for all world leaders. We ask that you grant them wisdom as they work to lay out concrete plans to reach the targets set out in the Paris Agreement. Loving Lord, we pray that you will place on the hearts of every leader the needs of those most vulnerable to climate change. Amen.

## Pray for Ukraine

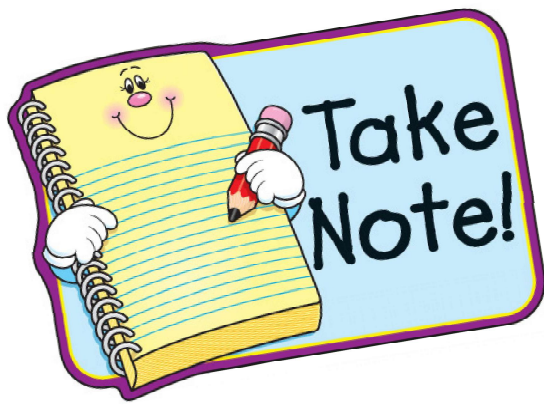
Dear Lord, as we reflect on the ongoing tragedy of the events in Ukraine our hearts grieve. The horrors of this world continue to perplex us and we allow ourselves to ask "How long O Lord, must this continue? How long must your children suffer?"

Loving Father, amidst the tragedy we give thanks for those who have given of themselves so selflessly to help each other. For those who, despite their own loss, have refused to stand by. May they find peace and blessing through their sacrifice.

And Lord, we pray for endurance after a long hard year. Endurance for aid workers. Endurance for those generously hosting refugees. Endurance for Ukraine's leaders. And endurance for all the people of Ukraine Amen.

Pray  
for  
peace





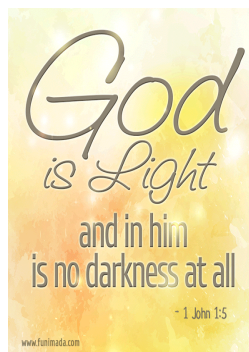
## Reflective Mornings

are held at the Methodist Chapel  
in Great Billing  
on the first Tuesday of the month  
10.30-12 noon.  
Coffee and Tea at 10.15 a.m.

Different themes or starters are used  
followed by a quiet, reflective space and then  
the opportunity to share our thoughts.



A time to step aside from the  
day-to-day rush of life.



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## The Sandringham Hotel

Weston Super Mare

Somerset

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Cost: £559.00

Trips included are as follows

West Somerset Steam Railway – Extra £25.00 per person  
Glastonbury, Bath, Minehead, Shepton Mallett, Clarks  
Retail Park

Two full day out and two half days out.

Double/Twin Rooms only

Please contact: Precious 07941 124159

or Simon 07955517798

## United African Association

United African Association provide advice, support, advocacy for and represent the African community. The group promote community cohesion through events, projects and activities that showcase African culture and heritage. Including African drumming, a food bank providing culturally appropriate foods, 1:1 support, signposting to other organisations, befriending services, ladies swimming and much more.

For more information about United African Association or to get involved in any of our activities or projects, we look forward to hearing from you!

Visit us:

Barratt House, Unit F5B, Kingsthorpe Rd, Northampton NN2 6EZ

Mail us: [uafricanassociation@gmail.com](mailto:uafricanassociation@gmail.com)

Call us: 07932 519532 / 07508 417140

## Ukrainian hub

We are here to help

Calling all Ukrainian families and sponsors...

Come along to the Emmanuel Church at Weston Favell Community Support Hub!

- \* Meetings with West Northamptonshire Council , resettlement team representatives
- \* Information from local organisations including advice/guidance on Home for Ukraine scheme, sponsorship and family visas.
- \* Help with school places , GP registration, social benefits
- \* Art and Craft sessions for children
- \* Translation is available
- We provide refreshments and drinks to all guests

Friendly and welcome environment!

- \* Delicious Ukrainian food
- \* Board games, enjoyable activities and quizzes for kids and adults
- \* Creative workshops and art therapy

No need to book, no payment needed.

Every Friday at 10.00-12.00 The first meeting is on April 21

Emmanuel Church

49 Weston Favell Centre Northampton NN3 8JR

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EMMANUEL GROUP of CHURCHES

**Billing Brook Road**  
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## RECTORY FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rectory Farm Community Centre  
 Olden Road  
 NN3 5DD

Sunday service at 3.45pm (see back page)

## BOOTHVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Boothville Community Hall  
 Booth Lane North  
 (access via the lane by the hairdressers)

Sunday service at 10.30 (see back page)

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

Weston Favell Centre,  
 Billing Brook Road

Sunday service at 10.30 (see back page)

Weds Communion at 11.30 am

Group Office - Mon - Fri 10 - 2

Financially, these are tough times for everyone. Churches and charitable institutions will not be exempt from the struggle. If you normally give financially to the Church, thank you. Please keep giving as generously as you are able to.

If you would like to give regularly to the Church, you can do this via bank transfer:

Emmanuel Group of Churches NATWEST Sort Code: 60-15-55 Bank Account Number: 72882948

If you'd prefer to give another way, you can give via:

<https://localgiving.org/charity/emmanuelgroup/>

which has the option for single or regular gifts.

Similarly, the Foodbank: <https://localgiving.org/charity/weston-favell-centre-foodbank/>

Cafe Emm is also in need of support to enable them to keep delivering food to those who are most vulnerable.

Emmanuel Coffee Shop a.k.a. Cafe Emm is part of the Coop Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, visit:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/70035>

Then swipe your card whenever you shop. Using the app on your phone is easy and it will remember your cause. This applies to all Co-op stores with the blue logo (NOT the green logo) anywhere in the country. In Northampton, it's these locations:

Bushland Road Coop	Semilong
Bellinge	Rothersthorpe Rd
Birchfield Rd	Upton Place
Olden Road (Rectory Farm)	Old Duston
Barry Road	Pineham
	Wotton Fields



A HOME FOR THE COMMUNITY

**Café Emm**

Raising money for free food for people in need struggling with the cost-of-living crisis

# SERVICES IN JUNE 2023

Sunday	Emmanuel @ 10.30	Boothville CC @ 10.30	Rectory Farm CC @ 15.45	Midweek Communion 11.30am	MID - WEEK  C O M M U N I O N  @ <u>EMMANUEL</u> <u>OFFICE</u>  TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM  UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
4th	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Chris Pearson	Morning Worship Youth Led + Yvonne Desroches	Weds 7th TBA	
11th	Morning Worship James Fearnley	Communion Peter Goodlad	Communion Kris Hatherly	Weds 14th Yvonne Desroches	
18th	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Yvonne Desroches	Morning Worship Maureen Luke and Fiona Potter	Weds 21st Kris Hatherly	
25th	Morning Worship Peter Angus	Communion Maureen Luke	Morning Worship Obi Hez	Weds 28th Yvonne Desroches	

# SERVICES IN JULY 2023

Sunday	Emmanuel 10.30	Boothville 10.30	Rectory Farm CC @ 15.45	Midweek Communion 11.30am	MID - WEEK  C O M M U N I O N  @ <u>EMMANUEL</u> <u>OFFICE</u>  TOP FLOOR NEXT TO CAFÉ EMM  UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
2nd	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Maureen Luke	Morning Worship Youth led + Fiona Potter	Weds 5th Yvonne Desroches	
9th	Morning Worship James Fearnley	Communion Peter Goodlad	Obi Hez	Weds 12th Chris Pearson	
16th	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Morning Worship Rachael Warnock	Communion Kris Hatherly	Weds 19th Kris Hatherly	
23rd	Communion Rachael Warnock	Morning Worship Chris Pearson	Communion Yvonne Desroches	Weds 26th Yvonne Desroches	
30th	Morning Worship Peter Angus	Rachael Warnock	Communion Fiona Potter + Obi Hez	Weds 31st Rachael Warnock	

please visit our website for more information  
[www.emmgroupp.org.uk](http://www.emmgroupp.org.uk)